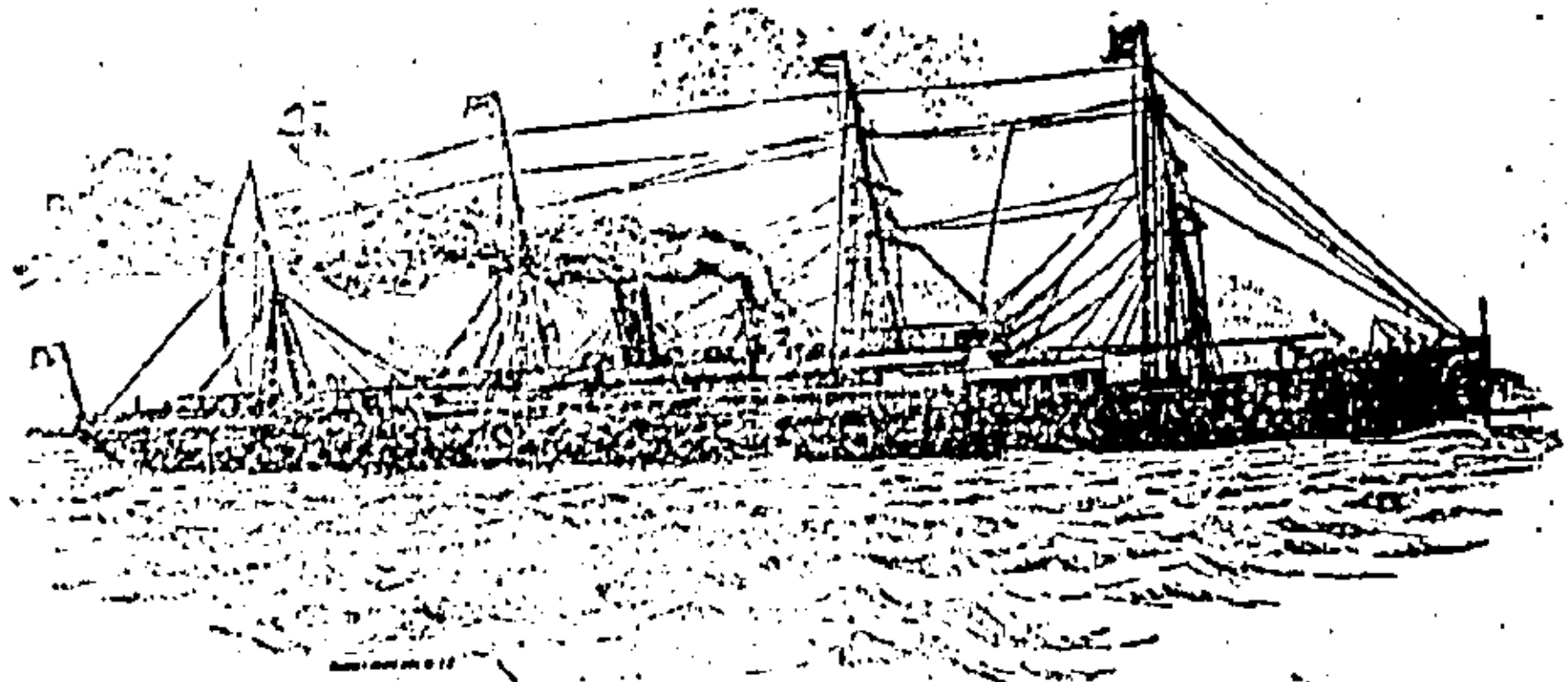


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"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
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"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
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Scharrschmidt	GENOA and HAMBURG.	30th Dec.	Freight and Passengers.
STRASSBURG	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	13th Jan., 1903.	Freight.
Nurnberg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	27th Jan., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
Silesia	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight and Passengers.
Bahle	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	24th Feb., 1903.	Freight.
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	10th Feb., 1903.	Freight.
C. FERD. LAEISZ	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	24th Feb., 1903.	Freight.

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Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 29th day of December, 1902, at 12 NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the SUBJOINED SPECIAL RESOLUTION.

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinance, 1862, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler, be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.
By Order of the Consulting Committee,
WILLIAM D. JUPP,
Acting Manager.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby giving that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December, 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1902.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 31st instant, both Days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1379d]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK PREMISES, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st January, 1903, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:—
To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st Dec. 1902, the Reports of the Directors and Auditor thereon, to elect Auditors, and transact the other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st day of January, 1903, both Days inclusive.

By Order, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1392d]

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Remaining Call of THREE DOLLARS per Share is now called up, and is PAYABLE at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 37, Connaught Road, on or before January 2nd, 1903.

On Payment, Shareholders will please hand in their Scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order, J. W. KEW, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1366d]

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REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of January 1903 the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$0.40 to \$0.45, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1398d]

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F. G. ALLEN, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1363d]

NOTICE.

ON and after SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1902, the OFFICE of the Underigned will be MOVED to the 1ST FLOOR of No. 8, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL (at the Corner of Des Vœux Road Central and Ice House Street above Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Auction Rooms).

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1414d]

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IN the Laboratory of the Hongkong Hotel, A GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and GOLD CHAIN with GOLD LOCKET and JAPANESE IVORY CHARM attached.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1405d]

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

FOUND, in the City Hall (and handed to me to-day), a SAPPHIRE GOLD BRACELET. Will be restored to the Owner on application to—

DAVID WOOD, Hon. Sec., St. Andrew's Society.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1409d]

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THE HONGKONG DAIRY, G. W. GREGG, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1385d]

Intimations.

SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES situated in the Western Division of the City of Victoria, who have not had their Premises LIME-WASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law, are reminded that the period during which this work should be FINISHED ends on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1902, and the Sanitary Board, being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is determined to rigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above named date.

By Order of the Board, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1321d]

NOTE.—The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Morrison and East Streets.

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THE OFFICE and SALES ROOMS of the Undersigned have been REMOVED to No. 8, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL, Corner of Ice House Street.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1367d]

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [110]

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G. I. W. KING and family desire to thank all friends for their kind sympathy in their bereavement.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Bring your Kodak to LeMunyon's and let him load it with a fresh roll of films.—*Adv.*

ARMY NOTES:—Private Woodland, Sherwood Foresters, died this morning. The funeral took place this afternoon.

MR. WUTING-FANG:—Chinese ex-Minister to Washington left Yokohama by the M.M. steamer *Tonkin* for Kobe and Shanghai, on the 18th inst.

PLAGUE:—A fatal case of plague is notified as having occurred during the 24 hours ended at noon to-day, at 18, Wing Sing Street, No. 6 Health district.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the New Territories Titles Ordinance, 1902.

YESTERDAY MORNING the dead body of a Chinaman bound hand and foot was discovered outside one of the sheds at Quarry Bay. The cause of the death is at present unknown.

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KILLED BY A WAGGON:—An old woman of seventy-two years, employed at the Naval extension works at Matakok, met her death on Wednesday by being run over by a railway wagon.

COLLAPSE AT YAUMATI:—On Wednesday night the first floor of No. 104 Station Street, Yaumati, which was undergoing repairs, collapsed. The police were sent for and learned that no one had been injured.

COLLISION OFF PING HOI:—Information was received by the police from the master of a fishing junk that on the 23rd inst. his boat was run down off Ping Hoi by a Hongkong bound steamer. The junk was considerably damaged, but happily the disaster was unattended by loss of life.

SUICIDE:—Gunner Pernfeld, R.G.A., committed suicide yesterday by jumping from the top floor of C. Block at the Victoria Barracks. The deceased joined the Royal Garrison Artillery eleven years ago and had to perform only nine months' service to complete his term of twelve years' service.

BY KIND PERMISSION of Lt.-Col. Birdwood and officers, the Band of the 10th Bombay Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening from 8 to 9.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME.

1. March "Iron Face" P. J. Vaz.

2. Value "Goldfishes" P. J. Vaz.

3. Selection "Gaiety" S. Jones.

4. Value "Shoji Girl" S. Jones.

5. Selection "A Runaway Girl" W. Williams.

6. Value "Waves of the Danube" Ar. P. J. Vaz.

God Save the King.

OLD CROCKS AT SOCCER:—On Monday afternoon at the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play a team of "Old Crockers." Kick-off at 4.15. The following will represent the "Old Crockers"—D. Wood, goal; H. Pinckney and Lieut. Douken, R.N., backs; W. H. Howard, H. W. Looker, and A. Brooker-Smith, halves; A. R. Lowe, Dr. Atkinson, H. R. B. Hancock, J. D. Danby, and Comr. Kiddle, R.N., forwards. The Crockers will play in white.

SIGNOR MA' CAGNI has been very unlucky in his American tour. The *Telegraph* correspondent says that the Italian composer found troubles thick upon him in New York, a strike of his musicians who formed but an indifferent orchestra being not the least of them. Now his managers have thrown up their contract, and Signor Mascagni is left with a company of 160 people, many of whom claim that they have not the wherewithal to buy a meal, upon his hands. His opera, *William Ratcliff*, was to have been given in New York at the commencement of the tour, but the composer could not get matters into shape, and its American production is put off perhaps indefinitely.

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THE QUARRY BAY RIOT:—The watchman, who was identified by the woman and alleged, to have assaulted her, was brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning. He was defended by Mr. M. W. Slade. The case was adjourned till Monday, bail being fixed at \$250.

QUARRY BAY SPORTS:—The 12th Annual Quarry Bay sports are to be held on New Year's Day. Numerous entries give promise that the occasion will be an equal if not greater success than in previous years. For the one mile (scratch) ten competitors are already booked.

DIRECTORY OF PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES:—From the *Daily Press* office we have received a directory of Protestant Missionaries in China, and Korea, for the year 1903. It is well-arranged, the names being set out both in alphabetical order and under the various societies and missions.

FOOTBALL:—On Christmas afternoon a Rugby match was played at Happy Valley between the Hongkong Football Club and H.M.S. *Goliath* which ended in an easy win for the Club. Yesterday afternoon the present pupils of St. Joseph's College (the Victoria Club) played the past pupils (the Rapp Club) and beat them by two goals to one.

STAMP DUTIES:—The attention of the public is drawn to the provisions of the Stamp Amendment Ordinance 1902, whereby certain duties are increased and it is recommended that at least a part of any stock of old forms be presented to the Stamp Office for surcharging before the 31st instant. A copy of the new Schedule in force from the 1st January, 1903, can be seen at the Stamp Office.

Hello! Central!—Give me No. 390.—Yes.—Hello! Is this Mr. LeMunyon's New Store? Yes.—Boy will bring a roll of films to you this a.m. and kindly have them done to-night. Alright—thanks, Alright.—Good-bye.—Good-bye.—*Adv.*

CALENDARS:—Messrs. Alexander Ross and Co., as agents for the Manchester Assurance Co., have forwarded a calendar for 1903, while another has been received from Messrs. Douglas Lapraik and Co., agents for the Phoenix Assurance Co., who also issue a handy diary. Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., send us a blotter and wall calendar issued by the Imperial Fire Office Alliance, for which they are agents.

CRICKET:—A contest between the H.K.C.C. and the United Services commenced yesterday morning and was continued to-day. Music was supplied by the muffled bands of the Fleet yesterday and by the Sherwood Foresters to-day. Yesterday's scores were:—

H.K.C.C.	UNITED SERVICES
W. C. D. Turner, b. Fawcett..... 5	E. W. Maitland, c. Clark, b. Mackinlay..... 0
E. W. Maitland, c. Clark, b. Mackinlay..... 0	William Dixon, c. Garde, b. Mackinlay..... 0
H. Arthur, b. Mackinlay..... 12	H. Arthur, b. Mackinlay..... 12
J. T. Dixon, c. Garde, b. Mackinlay..... 20	J. T. Dixon, c. Garde, b. Mackinlay..... 20
F. Maitland, b. Fitch..... 24	F. Maitland, b. Fitch..... 24
A. G. Ward (Capt.), c. Smith, b. Mackinlay..... 15	T. E. Pierce, b. Mackinlay..... 8
T. E. Pierce, b. Mackinlay..... 8	S. Powell, c. Smith, b. Toulmin..... 4
S. Powell, c. Smith, b. Toulmin..... 4	P. T. Lumble, not out..... 10
P. T. Lumble, not out..... 10	C. R. S. Cooper, c. Moore, b. Mackinlay..... 2
C. R. S. Cooper, c. Moore, b. Mackinlay..... 2	Extras..... 2
Total..... 102	Total..... 102

In the second innings, played to-day, the H.K.C.C. scored 92 runs and were beaten by the United Service who made 31 runs for three wickets, thus winning by four runs and seven wickets.

Mr. LeMunyon has new store at No. 31 Des Voeux Road and is now prepared, photographically speaking, to do any work in this line that may be brought to him. He guarantees his work to be strictly first class in every respect. Make him a call for I know you will be well pleased with results.—*Adv.*

KOWLOON WATERWORKS.

In consequence of an insufficiency of the P.W.D. staff, the carrying out of the new scheme for the supply of water to Kowloon by gravitation was entrusted to Messrs. Denison, Ram & Gibbs. Previous to joining the firm of Messrs. Denison & Ram, Mr. Gibbs, as an Assistant Engineer in the Public Works Department, with which he was connected for 9 years, had reported on the scheme which, with considerable amplification, was adopted; hence the reason for entrusting the work to this firm. The preliminary arrangements were concluded in July and at the end of October last year, the amplified scheme was submitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies last year. The estimated cost of the work is \$835,000 as compared with an original estimate of \$580,000, the principal increase being in the Storage Reservoir, which is calculated to contain 310 million gallons instead of 170 millions as originally proposed. Part of the increase is accounted for by the advance in prices which occurred between the dates of the two estimates.

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CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

A ROUND OF PLEASURE.

Yuletide in Hongkong is not the festive season one so thoroughly appreciates at home, but no evidence is wanting that the occasion is made one of rejoicing for young and old. Many enjoyable entertainments were provided, pleasant picnics figured in the programme despite the unfavourable weather, and excursionists visited Canton and Macao to spend a Christmas wandering a round these interesting places. But it is with Hongkong that most people are concerned, and a glance into the way in which its inhabitants enjoyed the festive season will not be amiss. The entertainment given by the Taikoo Club heads the list as it was given on the afternoon of Christmas eve. Coloured flakes of cotton wool and other decorations turned the cosy club house into a picture from the Arabian Nights while a beautiful Christmas tree was adorned by a number of brilliant electric lights besides nice presents for seventy to eighty youngsters. After the good things had been distributed, the Christmas tree was removed to the back of the stage and a good programme was opened by a chorus medley. Those who assisted were Mr. D. Currie, Mrs. R. Stephenson, Mrs. T. Hoskins, Mr. R. Dickson, and Mr. T. Grimshaw. Mrs. W. Smith gave a skirt dance, and this was followed by a pretty little sketch in which Mrs. R. Stephenson, Mr. R. Stephenson, Mr. T. Grimshaw, Mr. D. Currie and little "Pudgie Dickie" took parts. Dancing terminated this pleasant evening, the arrangements for which were prepared by Mr. R. Stephenson. An elaborate scheme was drawn up and successfully performed for the celebration of Christmas at the Kowloon Docks. When the curtain went up a Fairy Queen (Miss Mary Stewart) was to be seen holding a wand over two little babes in a cradle, and she afterwards sang an appropriate song. Young Master Jack, in the attire of an angel, "flowed" on to the stage and shortly afterwards Father Christmas (Mr. Russell) came down the chimney. Among those who took part in a pretty little play that followed were:—Master J. McGlashan as *Little Boy Blue*, Miss Ward as *Peep*, Miss Lily Neaves as *Old Mother Hubbard*, Miss Annie Logan, *Little Red Riding Hood*, Master Kerr, *Dick Whittington*, Master Lambert, a policeman, Master Tommy Logan, *Tommy Tucker*, Miss Lily Logan, *Mistletoe*, Miss Ethel Parker, *Peep*, Master Angus Stuart, *Pantalone*, Master Jack, clown, Miss Jack, *Holey*, and Master Kin Ross, as one of the babes in the cradle. After the performance the Christmas tree began to turn and Old Father Christmas singled out one after another from his large flock gathered around and gave them presents. Miss Guy acted as pianist and other musicians initiated Big Ben chimed. A most pleasant concert was given to the patients of the Government Civil Hospital by Dr. J. M. Atkinson on Christmas afternoon. Among those present were:—Sir Henry, Lady and Miss Blake, Lady Gascoigne, Commodore and Mrs. Robinson, and Lady Goodman. Messrs. Grimble and Ward opened the performance by a pianoforte duet, and others who contributed to the harmony were Mr. G. Balloch, Mrs. Mudie, Mrs. Badley, Mr. C. H. P. Hay, Miss Eyre and Miss Pitts. Mr. L. H. Branson, 10th Bombay Light Infantry, brought the performance to a close by some very smart sleight-of-hand tricks. Lady Blake afterwards distributed, to the patients, gifts from a Christmas tree. Members of the Catholic Union considered themselves amply rewarded for money and valuable time spent in preparing the 5th Annual Feast for the poor children of Hongkong, by the happy smiles of the recipients. Six hundred youngsters were invited, to tea on Christmas afternoon, six hundred and fifty turned up, and a hearty welcome and good time was extended to all. Tea, consisting of cakes, sweets and a gift of bonbons, provided by ladies of Hongkong, commenced at 3 p.m. and afterwards a toy and a useful present was given to each guest. Great thought was exhibited in the distribution of presents; for instance, a dinner set was presented to the youngsters of the European orphanage and each departed with a plate, knife, fork, and spoon. Shoes and socks were given to the Chinese orphans and to some of the girls suitable material for clothing and towels. White shirting for sheets, &c. was also sent to the Home for the aged and infirm. Theirs must have been a happy Christmas, equalling the pleasures which the kind friends responsible for the arrangements felt in extending Christmas cheer to those whose Yuletide would otherwise have passed unnoticed.

MACAO NOTES.

(From A Correspondent.)

MACAO, 22nd December.

DEPARTURE OF THE "ZAIKE."
The gunboat *Zaike* left at three o'clock this afternoon for Goa, notwithstanding repeated representations from the Provincial Government to retain her on this station where two gunboats are a necessity having regard to the present condition of affairs in South China and to the fact that, owing to the shallowness of the water in the inner harbour, the *Diu* which draws deeper draught is unable, at certain tides, to leave the port.

THE NEW GOVERNOR

is enlisting the sympathy of the public day by day by his affability of manners, enlightened views and sense of justice and independence which H.E. evinces. His first governmental act has been to grant permission for the establishment of a brewery contemplated by a French company, thus putting an end to the many difficulties that surrounded the granting of the licence. The removal of official obstruction has contributed to the admission into the colony of an important industrial enterprise.

CONSTITUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

The Lisbon Government has published a decree prohibiting all Portuguese who may be consular agents for any foreign Power from, hereafter, occupying a seat on the Executive Council of the local Government. This measure is attributed to the fact that Mr. A. J. Basto intervened in the question of the expropriation of the Boa Vista Hotel as vice-consul for France at the same time being a member of the Council. It does not behoove us to comment upon this act of Portuguese diplomacy, since we do not know of any conflict of interests which might have brought about, in this official, the sacrifice of his patriotism and national interest in the service of a foreign Power.

DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

According to report, the new Governor will shortly leave for Japan and then for Bangkok in order to present his credentials at the Eastern capitals as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Japanese and Siamese Courts, respectively.

THE HARBOUR.

The siting up of the harbour of Macao goes on increasing year after year, so that on certain days the *Henriques* will only be able to leave her wharf at ten o'clock instead of at eight in the morning. The necessary means for the improvement of the harbour have been delayed, and if this official negligence continues the trade of Macao with Hongkong and Canton will suffer much as it has suffered for some time without the Government over thinking earnestly of checking the further growth of the evil.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

It is matter for regret to see the vehemence displayed in public print in the attacks against the Colonial Secretary especially when he is debarred from resorting to the press in his defence. The latest report is without foundation. It is one to the effect that the dinner intended as a demonstration of appreciation of his administration given in his honour by the heads of departments and commanders of the Portuguese gunboats, was solicited by that official. The statement is altogether incorrect.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

On the 2nd January next, the newly elected municipal commissioners will assume the duties of their office. Every member of the present Commission retiring at the end of the current year was re-elected, with the exception of Mr. Basto who, having served for some terms, sought the election of Capt. E. G. Lourenço in his stead. The new incumbent of the presidency of the Senate is a popular election.

MOFFITT RELEASED AND

RE-ARRRESTED AT SEATTLE.

According to the *San Francisco Call* of the 18th ult. the argument on the application for a writ of *habeas corpus* for the release of R. H. Moffitt, alias Murphy, was heard before Judge Cook yesterday, and the Judge ordered prisoner to be released. Moffitt left the courtroom with his wife. He was arrested on the arrival of the steamer *Hongkong Maru* last Friday on a cablegram from Hongkong that he was wanted there for embezzling \$2,000. Chief Witman immediately cabled for further instructions, but received no reply. The British Consul was appealed to, but he declined to take any action, as he had not been officially notified by the Hongkong authorities.

The following telegram is from the Portland *Oregonian* of the 20th ult.—Seattle, November 20th R. P. Moffitt, alleged to have embezzled \$2,075 from a dairy concern in Hongkong, China, was remanded to gaol to-day in default of bonds. He is said to have been arrested in San Francisco on his arrival, but secured his liberty on a writ of *habeas corpus*. A telegram from the San Francisco police caused him to be re-arrested here.

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PRAYA EAST RECLAMATION.

A much more extensive scheme than that originally proposed is reported by the Hon. Director of Public Works to have been submitted to Government in September, 1901, having received the approval of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the necessary preliminary surveys, borings, &c., were undertaken, an estimate of the cost of scheme was forwarded to Government before the end of the year. The area of building land to be rendered available is estimated at 3,648,000 square feet or nearly 84 acres. In the lying out of the land, wide thoroughfares are provided.

THE JANET WALDORF COMPANY.

After a very short but successful season in Canton the members of the above company returned to Hongkong early on Christmas morning and re-opened their season here last night. In Canton, the Company appeared before court houses, in the *Lady of Ostend* and *Turned Up*. Besides providing amusement to the Shamenites, the trip was a very interesting and enjoyable one. The whole of Wednesday was devoted to sight-seeing in the City of Rams, and the members of the company brought away many souvenirs. Last night the Company presented to the public the farcical comedy entitled *Turned Up*. The piece was very appropriately chosen for a holiday night and afforded great merriment to the audience. The piece went with great swing, and one and all voted that it was one of the most successful pieces in the farcical line in which the company have appeared. As usual Mr. Norval MacGregor and Miss Janet Waldorf proved themselves to be first class comedians as well as tragedians, and the frequent applause, testified the high appreciation in which they are both held. Mrs. Dow Carrier and Mr. Wilson Forbes acquitted themselves admirably and in prominent roles the action of the piece did not flag for one moment. At the conclusion of the play, all the members of the Company assembled on the stage and presented Mrs. Dow Carrier with a silver waist band and a chat-laine. In a few well chosen words the popular actress thanked them for their kindness. The toasts of Miss Janet Waldorf, Mr. Norval MacGregor, and others of the company were also proposed, and drank with musical honours.

Turned Up will be repeated to-night, whilst the *Lady of Ostend* will again fill the boards on Monday night, and *Cunille* is held for Tuesday. The company will bring their season to a close with *Sweet Nell* & *Old Drury*.

THE SPREAD OF THE KWANG-SI REBELLION.

The rebellion in South China, as chronicled by us, has assumed very serious dimensions. Latest advices from Canton state that all the officials are at their wits end, and the de-patch of troops to the borders of Kwai Chow is going on apace. On the 19th instant, the first detachment of troops sent from Kwangsi met with a serious reverse from the hands of the rebels and it is reported that over two hundred imperial troops were slain. All reports agree that the rebels only sustained a very small loss. Yesterday orders were received at the Arsenal in Canton to have in readiness as many rifles as possible. The manufacture of ammunition has been greatly increased. Two gunboats were despatched crowded with troops and had four mandarin junks for the West River in tow. It is feared that the rebels have a very powerful society in the very heart of Canton, and although the officials have tried every means to effect some arrests, they have failed. Reports were also received in Canton yesterday that another rebellion has started in the Fukien province, and it is the general opinion that ere long Canton itself will be thrown into the throes of a rebellion.

THE LOSS OF THE "VENTNOR."

EXCITEMENT AT CANTON.

There is considerable excitement in the Upper Pun U district, writes our Canton correspondent under yesterday's date. It will be remembered that some weeks ago one of the Blue Funnel steamers, *Ventnor*, ran on a rock shortly after leaving New Zealand and sank. Several lives were lost. Among these were five or six Chinese returning to China. The chief cargo of the ship was dead men's bones. These remains had been carefully preserved and after suitable ceremonies were taken aboard the *Ventnor*. Insurance was effected to the amount of £5,000. All these bones went down with the ship. News of the disaster has reached the friends of the deceased and there is great lamentations over the loss. One man immediately after the wreck offered \$25,000 for the recovery of one coffin. This coffin contained the body of one of the richest Chinese in New Zealand. None of the bones have been recovered.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Indian (*Namsang*) 29th inst.
American (*China*) 31st inst.
American (*Doric*) 8th prox.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th prox.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Namsang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on 22nd inst., at 7 p.m.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.V. *Empress of Japan* left Yokohama p.m., on Friday, the 26th inst., for Victoria and Vancouver.

The H.A.L. steamer *Amelia* from Hamburg left Singapore for this port on the 25th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 31st inst.

The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Danbei Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe 9th Moji for this port on the 24th inst., p.m

TELEGRAMS.

(Rulers.)

A Royal Sensation.

LONDON, December 23rd.
A sensation has been caused in Dresden owing to the official announcement of the secret flight abroad, on the night of the 17th instant, of the Crown Princess of Saxony, in a morbid state of mental excitement. She is supposed to have gone to Geneva, and that her flight is due to family differences.

Obituary.

The death of the Dean of Winchester, from typhoid fever, is announced.

Venezuela.

The Trinidad *Quetz* contains an official announcement of the declaration of war against Venezuela. This is a formality intended to legalize the blockade.

The Andijan Earthquake.

December 24th.

H. M. the Tsar has given a first subscription of fifty thousand roubles to the relief fund in aid of the sufferers by the Andijan earthquake.

Obituary.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is dead.

The Crown Princess of Saxony.

The Crown Princess of Saxony eloped with her children's French tutor with whom she is now staying at an hotel at Geneva.

The Venezuelan Blockade.

The Italian cruiser *Giovanni Bunsan* has captured five more Venezuelan schooners, and the German *Fantome* two.

The effects of the blockade are beginning to be felt. It is estimated that only a fortnight's food remains at Caracas. The British sloop *Fantome* has been refloated.

England and Germany.

December 25th.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, speaking at Stirling, said that he had nothing but condemnation for those who by their stupid and vulgar abuse had fomented discord between Great Britain and Germany. His complaint was in respect of the nature and extent of the obligations into which we had entered with Germany, and he thought that if ever there was a case for arbitration it was this one. It was no part of our national duty to collect falling dividends for bondholders in Berlin.

Somaliland.

Italy having accorded the necessary facilities, seven hundred troops have left Berbera for Obbia where they are due to arrive on the 27th instant.

Count Lavatelli representing Italy accompanied the force.

The Venezuelan Difficulty.

Formal British and German proposals to President Roosevelt, asking him to arbitrate on the Venezuelan difficulty, have reached Washington to-day.

LATE.

An Italian Note has reached Washington, couched in the most cordial terms towards the United States. It says that Italy will be glad to see President Roosevelt arbitrate in the matter of the disputes with Venezuela, and that if not disposed to do so she has no objection to a reference of the questions to The Hague tribunal.

Indian Minors for South Africa.

Several hundred Indians have started work in the Kofflofontein mines, Orange River Colony, to-day. This is a first experiment.

(N. C. D. News.)

A Warning to the Trade Unions.

LONDON, 26th December.

The Taff Vale Railway Co. sued the Railway Servants' Union for £2,000 damages, for conspiracy to cause a strike in 1901, and have obtained a verdict, the assessment of damages being deferred. This is a severe blow to Trade Unionism.

A Wonderful Proof of Civilisation.

Before he left Nair Obi, the Somalis presented Mr. Chamberlain with an address in a silver basket.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 26th, 1902.
CHRISTMAS.

Christmas passed off quietly. The day for the most part was wet. The ships in the harbour were decorated with flags and bunting, but the rain spoiled the effect. In the city there was little to indicate that it was Christmas. Several of the missions had special services in the churches. At all the churches the attendance was very large.

U. S. MINISTER TO SIAM.

Mr. King, U. S. Minister to Siam, is spending a few days in Canton.

FORTHCOMING PIGEON SHOW.—At the Chinese New Year a pigeon competition is to be held at Kowloon for which money prizes will be awarded to the best exhibitors. The scheme has met with the greatest approval from all bird fanciers and a certain gentleman residing at Kowloon has already decided to exhibit 20 cages of birds which he is confident cannot be beaten either individually or collectively. Full particulars may be obtained from Mr. Robert G. McEwen, Inspector of Markets.

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THE CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The Imperial Decree, ordering the Chinese Telegraph service to be turned into a purely Government concern, raised unfavourable criticisms on all sides, the *Universal Gazette* says. Scarcely had these criticisms ceased when the local foreign press received a telegraphic report from Peking to the effect that the Chinese Government was about to make the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company undergo a similar change. This report is already bad enough; but the information we have just obtained about the C.M.S.N. Co. is still worse. According to our information, a certain foreign Minister, acting upon the suggestion of a merchant of his nationality, recently wrote to the Wai Wu Pu, asking that the C.M.S.N. Co. be registered a limited liability company so that foreign capital might be admitted into the concern. Though the Wai Wu Pu knew that the request could not be complied with, they neither expressed their opposition to it nor replied to the foreign minister's despatch. But the foreign merchant in question has not yet given up this castle in the air as he is reported to have just presented the head of the Li Lien-yung with a large bribe, requesting him to move the Emperor-Dowager to issue a decree in accordance with his desire.

The above is a brief description of what we have heard regarding the C.M.S.N. Company. Since China was opened to international trade, the foreigners have attempted in every possible way to enlarge their interests in China. At first they only traded in the Treaty Ports. After a short period they began to fight for the privilege of going into the interior to buy native produce. As soon as this privilege was granted, they began to ask for the privilege of establishing factories in the interior. When this request had been acceded to, they began to ask for railway and mining concessions. In a word, it seems to us that the foreigners will not be satisfied until they have snatched from us all the resources, which, strictly speaking, ought to remain in our own hands.

As the construction of railways and the exploitation of mines involve more capital than our own people can afford to put in, not to mention the fact that our own people are sorely lacking in ability to manage and conduct these important enterprises, it may be argued with some show of reason that foreign capital should be introduced and foreigners permitted to take part in the management of these affairs. But such is by no means the case with the C.M.S.N. Company, which has been established for more than thirty years, and has proved to be the most profitable of all enterprises ever undertaken by purely Chinese capitalists, in spite of the fact that, on account of its being controlled by a Director-General appointed from among the officials, the Company cannot be made to prosper as much as it would if its management were entirely left in the hands of the merchants. No changes other than those which would improve its present condition should be made in this important Company. It would be a good thing to abolish the official directorship and put a mercantile directorship in its place. It is unwise to turn the company into a purely Government concern. It is still more unwise to register it as a limited liability Company in order to admit foreign capital. — *Shanghai Mercury*.

PEKING TO SZECHUAN.

COLONEL MANIFOLD'S ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY.

A most interesting and at times exciting narrative was unfolded by Lieut. Colonel Manifold, of the Indian Medical Service, in a lecture which he delivered on October 10 before the United Service Institute at Simla, recounting his adventurous journey, in company with Captain Hunter, R. E., from Peking to Szechuan.

The President of the evening, General Barrow, spoke highly of the intrepidity and energy of the lecturer and his companion, Captain Hunter, who had between them not only traversed 4,500 miles of the most difficult country, a distance by road equivalent to that from Calcutta to Peshawar, and thence by Bombay to Tuticorin, and back to Calcutta, but had actually made a survey of the whole distance, which meant 20 miles a day.

BRITISH INFLUENCE.

In the course of his lecture Colonel Manifold showed that the two travellers left Peking in September last year, immediately after the Chinese had agreed to the payment of the indemnity, and when the allied forces were still in possession of Peking. British influence, therefore, stood high, and Colonel Manifold and his companion were not wrong in thinking that this would be sufficient to insure their protection in spite of the disturbed state of the country. The party included Mr. Harris, who acted as interpreter, two trained Roorkee surveyors, six Gorkhas, four Indian servants, and 20 mules. For the first 100 miles the route was by train on the recently reconstructed railway to Paoing-fu. This place they found in an excited state, the current rumour being that the French had evacuated it only because they were compelled to do so by superior Chinese force.

SPLENDID RAILWAY SCHEMES.

Colonel Manifold describes the railway as a magnificent project which will eventually be continued to Canton, tapping the commerce of the great waterways which it crosses en route, and opening up the rich mineral districts of Shansi, which contain some of the finest coal and iron beds in the world. It is actually under construction for 250 miles from either end, and it is to be regretted that Great Britain has no share in it, although both its conception and its inception were due to the

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genius and perseverance of an Englishman, Mr. Kinder, now manager of the Peking-Tientsin-Shan Hai Kwan lines. Mr. Kinder went out to China as engineer of the Tongshan collieries, and commenced his railway project in the face of immense difficulties, by building a tram line to convey coal to the nearest port. Out of this grew the idea of the Peking-Tientsin Railway, worked by the Chinese Government as a China line, but owned and run by British capital, under British supervision and staff, with head-office in London. This proved so great a success that Kinder proposed the construction of a great trunk line across China, to be run on the same methods. He actually commenced work upon the project, but money was not forthcoming, and the concession for the northern half was ultimately acquired by a combination of the Russo-Chinese Bank, which is little else than a Russian State concern financed for political purposes, and of a Belgian and French syndicate.

A MORTIFYING POSITION.

Kinder thus had the mortification of seeing his project handed over to foreign rivals. The Russians were so impressed, however, with what he had done, that they carried off his little hand-made engine, the first that ran on his tram line, and have deposited it in the St. Petersburg Museum as a memento of an era in the history of the Far East. The northern section of the railway from Peking to Hankow will take, Colonel Manifold thinks, some seven years to build, owing to the heavy bridging necessary. The southern section from Hankow to Canton is vastly easier. The highest point it has to cross on its way to the sea is only a thousand feet high, and this with easy grading. The concession for the southern section was given, with British approval, to an American syndicate which has commenced work both from Canton and from the Tungting Lake on the Yangtze about a hundred miles from Hankow. Forty per cent. of the shares, however, are said to be in Belgian hands, which in China too often means that France and Russia are pulling the strings. Colonel Manifold looks upon this railway as of enormous importance in connection with the future development of the country, for whoever controls it will influence a so great hinterland it traverses. The fact that this line is not British means besides that several millions' worth of rolling stock will be purchased for it during the next few years elsewhere than in England.

FORTY MILLION LIVES LOST.

The Yellow River was afterwards crossed and Col. Manifold notices the extraordinary destruction of human life and the devastation of the country caused by this river's periodical changing of its bed. Forty million people, he heard, had been washed away or starved, owing to its inundations 15 years ago, the floods rendering vast areas of cultivated land sterile by covering it with sand. The people generally appeared to realise that the allies had occupied Peking and had inflicted heavy punishment upon the Chinese nation. In the remotest villages where no foreigner had ever before been, the elders used to ask Col. Manifold about it, and there was none of the self-deception which was so noticeable after the Japanese war, when it was honestly believed throughout the length and breadth of China that the Emperor had accepted the submission of the barbarians and permitted them to depart unpunished.

A CHANCE FOR BRITISH CAPITAL.

Of the Yangtze region Col. Manifold speaks enthusiastically alike as regards its great agricultural and mineral wealth, its numerous industries, and dense population. He says it is now a case of waking up the British capitalist and investor to the advantages of developing it. He holds that if capital and enterprise only are forthcoming there will be no difficulty in establishing British preponderance in this marvellous region, in which our gunboats already have access for 2,000 miles up the river. He adds, "gunboats alone will not develop trade in a country, and no sane man wants a yard of Chinese territory to pass out of the hands of the Chinese, but we do want to see our mercantile interest firmly established, and his enterprises, in British hands, opening up this rich Upper Yangtze country at once—a country so rich in resources and population that enterprises, once started, must pay. It is capable of a development that would cause it to take ten times the trade that it does now from us." He adds the warning that "if enterprise is not forthcoming soon there is great danger that we may find other nations have established railways and mining interests so firmly in the richest portions of this region that they will be able to assert a right of developing them entirely in their own interests, and keep us excluded." At the close of the lecture Col. Manifold was warmly applauded.

CABLE NEWS.

(via Rangoon.)

MILITARY NEWS.

SIMLA, 3d December.
The Secretary of State has sanctioned the establishment of depots at Meerut, Kirkee and Trimulgherry to receive boys enlisted in India for service in the Royal Artillery.

THE BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA.
CALCUTTA, 11th December.
The Viceroy will unveil Holwell's monument commemorating the Black Hole which his excellency is presenting to the city on Wednesday next.

PLAGUE.
The plague mortality in India for the week ending the 6th December, 1902, was 12,470 in comparison with 12,039 for the preceding week and 8,878 for the same period last year. Bombay presidency and city contribute 6,312 of the total, Karachi 12, Madras presidency 312, Calcutta 25, Bengal 86, United Provinces 1,263, Punjab 1,695, Central Provinces 9, Mysore State 912, Hyderabad State 735, Herar 247, Central India 30 and Kashmir 7. Cawnpore shows an increase.

THE DALE CASE.
Mr. George Dale has been committed under sections 307 and 324 of the Indian Penal Code to trial before the High Court connected with the attempted murder of his wife.

THE DELHI MANGROVES.
DELHI, 10th December.
It is understood that the final fight for Delhi will be somewhere in the vicinity of the famous Kutab, eleven miles from the city.

Lord Kitchener has suddenly decided to visit Simla and will leave on Friday night to see his residence there, returning to Delhi on Monday.

PERFECTED RAPID TELEGRAPH.
LONDON, December 21st.
The Hungarian Government has put in operation between Buda-Pesth and Pressburg telegraph machines perfected by Pollak and Virag, which have transmitted under test messages at the rate of 50,000 words per hour.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. Girault.

MINISTER WU'S APPEAL.

WANTS THE POWERS TO SUBMIT CASE TO ARBITRATION AT THE HAGUE.

Minister Wu is hopeful that China will be the proper to submit the second case for the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. He is working hard to induce the powers party to the treaty of Peking to consent to arbitrate the important question as to whether the indemnities to be paid them shall be paid on a gold or a silver basis. The issue is of the utmost importance to China; in fact, it is said that the insistence of the powers upon a settlement on the gold basis would mean the ruin of the Chinese empire, which is totally unable to pay the vast sum of nearly four hundred and fifty million taels in gold.

The question has been under discussion for many months, and while it was still pending the first instalment of the indemnity became due last July. A decision was stated off by the acceptance of the first payment on a silver basis, the United States reserving the right to demand any balance of the instalment that might be due if it should ultimately be held that the settlement should be made on a gold basis. The next payment will become due at the beginning of the next calendar year, and it is desirable that the question shall be settled before that date or at least that it shall be put in the way of a final settlement.

Therefore Mr. Wu is striving to arrange for the submission of the question to the arbitration of The Hague, and to that end he has appealed to the government of the United States for help in influencing the other powers who were to receive indemnities. Secretary Hay has met the appeal favourably, and in proof of his disposition has consented to accept the proposition on behalf of the United States if the other powers can be brought into line. Of this there is much doubt, as China has no means of exerting anything more than moral suasion upon the parties, who are naturally reluctant to submit to the chances of an adverse decision, claims which they now hold as good. — *Washington Star*.

Commercial.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

In their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 24th December, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state:

Owing to the Christmas holidays which commenced tomorrow, we are issuing our circular twice as early than usual. The period under review has passed with very few changes and but little business has been done. We take this opportunity of wishing all our constituents the compliments of the season and a very merry Christmas.

The National Bank of China, Limited, has advertised its Twelfth Ordinary Annual Meeting for the 21st January, 1903. The transfer books will be closed from the 8th to 21st proximo, both days inclusive.

The Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited, has declared an interim dividend of Tls. 12 per share.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled very steady, and further sales have been effected at 562½, the market closing firm at that rate. The London quotation has improved to 563. Nationals are to be held at 563. Marine Insurance.—Beyond a sale of Yangtze at 51½, there is nothing to report in stock exchange.

Fire Insurance.—Both stocks are unaltered and without business.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are down to 35, but at this price there are inquiries. Indo-Chinas are firmer, and have buyers at 38. Douglas Steamships have been disposed of at 34½. Star Ferries have changed hands at 23 for the old issue, and close in demand; the new shares are wanted at 31. Shell Transports have dropped to 17½ on dividend (2½ per cent.).

Refineries.—China Sugars are in demand at 586. Luxons remain dull at 12½.

Mining.—Punions are weaker, and can be bought at 54. Raubs have been negotiated at 56, and more shares can be placed. We are informed that the crushing for the current month produces 844 ounces of smelted gold from 3,300 tons of stone treated. Sales of Chinese Engineering are reported in Shanghai at Tls. 8 to 10.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been booked and are still required for at 210. Farnhams have changed hands in the North at Tls. 180 ex the interim dividend of Tls. 7 paid on the 22nd instant. Kowloon Wharves are wanted at 288. Hongkew Wharves have advanced, and sales at Tls. 310 have taken place.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are in request at 185. Hongkong Hotels have been placed, and are still offering at 11. Humphreys Estates are quoted at 51½. China Providents can be sold at 98.85.

Cotton Mills.—Internationals and Laou-Kung-Mows have been done at Tls. 40 and Tls. 44 respectively. Ewos are quiet at Tls. 40. Hongkong Cottons can be obtained at 17½.

Cigar Companies.—We have heard of no business. Philippine Tobaccos have sellers at 350.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have again been done in at 500. A. S. Watsons are in the market at 14½. Electrics (old issue) continue in request a d after sales at 13 to 15 are still asked for at the rate; the new shares are procurable at 56.65. Tramways have changed hands at 34½. Ropes are in strong request at 120. Langkats have risen to Tls. 165, and are in demand at this figure.

SHIPPING AND FREIGHT.

During the past week business has continued dull and there has been little demand for ready tonnage. The last quotation from Saigon to Hongkong was 10 cents per picul. There is no inquiry to the Philippines or Java. For February loading to Japan 33 cents per picul; is quoted; for March loading 36 cents. Java to Hongkong 17½ cents per picul for dry sugar. Coal freights are weak; from Moji to Hongkong \$2.40 per ton; to Singapore \$2.30 per ton. The following are the charters since the 19th inst.:

Ruppon, Brit. str., 1852, Moji or Kuchingizu to Singapore, \$3 per ton.

Citrus, Brit. str., 1588, Moji or Kuchingizu to Singapore, \$2.80 per ton.

Haidis, Nor. str., 1071, Nauchow and for Tonghoi to Penang, 20 cents per picul.

Nanyang, Ger. str., 982, Saigon to Hongkong, 7½ cents per picul.

Emma Lyken, Ger. str., 1109, Saigon to Hongkong, 12 cents per picul.

An Indo-China S. Nav. Co.'s str., Saigon to Yokohama and Kobe, 33 cents r p 35 cents per picul, a ports (Reby. loading).

A steamer, 3 ports, N.C. Java to Hongkong, 17½ cents per picul.

Lot Indo-China S. Nav. Co.'s str., Saigon to Japan, 36 cents a pts. 38 cents per picul (Minch loading).

SHANGHAI, 4, 23rd December.
COAL AND KEROSENE.

Messrs. Wheelock & Co report as follows:—*Coal*.—Japan. Since last writing we have not had much inquiry for this article, and natives show little interest for this article, and natives asked by inspectors. Rates of the price have been fluctuating to a great extent, and changes have been effected at from \$1.70 to

\$1.35 per ton with little or no enquiry at the latter figures.

Cardiff.—Has been sold in small quantities at Tls. 17.00 per ton, a slight advance since last writing.

Sydney Wollongong.—There is a slight movement on foot but nothing yet has transpired. There is a small demand.

Kerosene Oil.—During the fortnight a very small business has been done. Sales have been made for short prompt Tls. 2.21 per case for Devoes. Small quantities of Bulk Oil (Russian) have changed hands at Tls. 1.75 @ Tls. 1.77½ per to gallons.

Langkat Dragon chop importers have realized on 15,000 cases Tls. 2.01 less 2½ for cargo to arrive. There have been no arrivals. Our Stocks are now estimated at:—

Devoes.....1,466,500 cases.
Batoum.....182,000 "
Sumatra.....38,900 "
Langkat.....105,000 "
24th December.

FREIGHT.

Our Homeward freight market seems to have passed into the dull season in earnest; there is very little cargo offering in any direction and with the Christmas and New Year holidays close upon us we do not expect to see any change until they are over.

Consuise.—Rates have declined a little all round since last writing and some owners have been glad to fix forward business at slightly lower rates only to keep their ships employed.

HEMI, SUGAR, AND RICE.

In their weekly circular dated Manila, 15th inst., Messrs. Warner, Barnes and Co., Ltd., report as follows:—

Hemp.—Market has improved since our last issue, prices having advanced fully \$1 per picul. Dealers are very firm and refuse to dispose of their holdings at under \$25 per picul. Business has been done at this quotation and it is probable that, if consuming markets show any activity, prices will go still higher. We close to-day with Fair Current at \$25 per picul, equal, at Exchange 17½ to 23.6, 18. per ton f.o.b.

Sugar.—Manila: nominal, nothing offering. Tait: no crop.

Hilo.—There has been keen competition in buying during the past fortnight and a fair quantity of new crop has been contracted for at prices ranging up to as high as \$5.37 per picul for assorted, at which last business was done. The market is very excited and dealers refuse to commit themselves further unless at extravagant prices.

The market closes with buyers at \$5.37 per picul, or at 17½ Exchange, 27.11.2 per ton f.o.b. for usual assorted eighties.

Rice.—The heavy local stocks and the sudden absence of demand have had the effect of further weakening this market which, however, has only declined a fraction. We quote Second Saigon \$6.37 per picul f.o.b.

THE SUPPLY OF SUGAR.

A Tokyo dispatch states that the sugar production of Europe this year is a failure, and that the yield in the sugar countries of the Orient is no better. According to information received by a Yokohama sugar firm, the loss in Formosa is estimated at between 20 and 30 per cent., and that in the Philippines at between 25,000 and 60,000 tons, the actual production being about 80,000 tons.

EXCHANGE.

LONDON, Telegraph Transfer.....17½
Bank Bills, on demand.....17 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight.....17 9/16

Dinmets, 4 months' sight.....17 11/16
N. Y. F. L. Bank Bills, on demand.....2.01
Credits, 7 months' sight.....2.05

N. Y. F. L. Bank Bills, on demand.....30
Credits, 30 days' sight.....30 1/2

N. Y. F. L. Bank Bills, on demand.....1194
On demand.....1194

N. Y. F. L. Bank Bills, on demand.....71
Private 30 days' sight.....nom.

N. Y. F. L. Bank Bills, on demand.....29½ nom.
N. Y. F. L. Bank Bills, on demand.....512.45

Old Leaf 100 lb. touch, per tael.....64.50
Bar Silver.....221

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—
Per chest:
MALWA NEW.....@ \$1,000/1,030
OLDEST.....@ 1,040/1,080

PATNA NEW.....@ 995
BENARES NEW.....@ 987½
PERSIAN (PAPER).....@ 700/750

To-day's Advertisements.

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Lessee and Manager.....Mr. W. REULE.
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JANET WALDORF CO.

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Received Last Night with Roars of
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Applause.

A REGULAR CHRISTMAS CRACKER.
TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY).

FAREWELL PERFORMANCES:
MONDAY, 29th December,
"THE LADY OF OSTEND."

TUESDAY, 30th December,
"CAMILLE."

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY,
31st Dec. and 1st Jan.,
"SWEET NELL OF OLD DRURY."

PRICES AS USUAL.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1902. [1421]

NOTICE.

THE attention of the public is drawn to the provisions of the Stamp Amendment Ordinance, 1902, whereby certain duties are increased and it is recommended that at least a part of any stock of old forms be presented to the Stamp Office for surcharging before the 31st instant.

A copy of the new Schedule in force from the 1st January, 1903, can be seen at the Stamp Office.

A. M. THOMSON,
Treasurer, &c.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1902. [1422]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."
Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1902. [1423]

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.			
FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON.			
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.			
OUTWARDS.			
FROM	STEAMERS	On	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 6th January,	
"	"PYRRHUS"	On 8th "	
"	"DIOMED"	On 14th "	
"	"	On 20th "	
HOMEWARDS.			
FOR	STEAMERS	On	TO SAIL
LONDON	"PELUS"	On 6th January,	
LONDON	"AETHEUS"	On 20th January,	
GEORGE and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 20th January,	
LONDON	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February,	
LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 17th February,	
LONDON	"DARDANUS"	On 20th February,	
MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	"PYRRHUS"	On 21st February,	

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	On	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKING"	22nd January,	
"	"CHINGWO"	3rd February,	

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	On	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, ANTWERP and AMS-TERDAM	"OOPACK"	16th January,	

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

VANCOUVER, SEATTLE and TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	On	TO SAIL
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KALGA"	29th December,	
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY IS., COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	29th "	
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	31st "	
SHANGHAI	"KANSHU"	31st "	

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	2nd January, at Noon.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. R. Rogers	Do	7th "
DJAMANTE	1985	A. H. Nolley	Do	"
PERLA	1985	J. McGinty	Do	"

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1902.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

PORTLAND OREGON

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH

THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY,

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail
"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	Jan. 14, 1903
"INDRAPURA"	4,899	A. E. Hollingsworth	"
"INDRASAMMA"	5,192	R. P. Craven	"

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Destinations.	Steamers.	Captains.	Sailing Dates.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 28th December.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 31st December.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 4th January.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 7th January.

* Via SWATOW and AMOY. † Subject to alteration.

The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried. All steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's. Steamers will go alongside the Co's Pier at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo. By the Co's steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA's River Ports.

For Freight or Passage, and further information, apply at the Co's Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1902.

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA SANTA ROSALIA (MEXICO).
THE Steamship
"VICTORIA."
Captain Casey, will be despatched for the above Port on or about SUNDAY, the 28th instant.
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1381d]

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USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS OF CALL.

AVERAGE LENGTH OF VOYAGE TO SYDNEY 20 DAYS.

Saloon Passengers carried at SPECIALLY REDUCED RATES, particulars of which can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

NEXT SAILINGS.

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"TAIYUAN"	" 20th Jan.
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Superior accommodation amidships. Electric Light throughout. Fitted with Refrigerators which ensure a fresh supply of ice and provisions during the entire voyage. Duly qualified European Surgeons carried.

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THE Company's well-known Steamship

"ROHILLA MARU,"
3,569 Tons,
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Magnificent accommodation. Comfortable cabins. Excellent table. Unrivalled speed. Electric light. Doctor and Stewardess carried. For Freight or Passage, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"
Captain S. H. Nelson, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUE DAY, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [1413d]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR GENOA, ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"BENLOMOND,"
Captain Stutton, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st instant, instead of the 3rd January as previously advertised.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1382d]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Japanese Mail Steamship

"KUMANO MARU,"
5,000 Tons, Captain E. W. Haswell, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 1st January, at 4 P.M.

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"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIP.

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship

"GLENLOCHY,"
Captain E. J. Stallard, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 5th January, 1903.

For Freight, apply to
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Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [1374d]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"CROYDON" 25th December.

1903.

"MOGUL" About 6th Jan.

"HINDUSTAN" 15th Jan.

"SHIMOSA" To follow.

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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1394d]

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NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept Fire, Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th Nov. 1902. [25]

Consignees.

"INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Company's Steamship

"INDRADEO,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their disposal in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1417d]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINCESS IRENE,"

of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 4th January, 1903, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [653c]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

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This Vessel brings Cargo From Trieste, ex s.s. Imperator, transhipped at Bombay.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 30th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

SANDER, WIEBER & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [1389d]

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Full Directions. All Chemists.
Insist on Savarasse's

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NANCHANG, British steamer, 1,662, Edward Findlayson, 23rd Dec.—Hongkong 21st Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.

PAOTING, British steamer, 1,047, R. D. Carvell, 24th Dec.—Shanghai 21st Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.

DAIGI MARU, Japanese steamer, 846, T. W. Groves, 24th Dec.—Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 23rd Dec. General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

NESSE, British steamer, 1,963, W. Peart, 24th Dec.—Moji 19th Dec. Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

SULLBERG, German steamer, 782, Meyer, 24th Dec.—Cheloo 19th December, General.—Siemssen & Co.

HINSANG, British steamer, 1,537, W. E. Sawyer, 25th Dec.—Moji 20th December, Coal.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAVOIA, German steamer, 1,622, Rebbelmuend, 25th Dec.—Vladivostok and Cheloo 19th Dec. General.—Siemssen & Co.

CHINGTU, British steamer, 1,459, L. Dawson, 25th Dec.—Yokohama via Kobe 16th Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CROYDON, British steamer, 2,410, C. J. Kerr, 25th Dec.—Shanghai 22nd Dec. General.—Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

THALES, British steamer, 820, A. J. Robson, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th Dec. General.—Douglas, Laprak & Co.

ADRIA, German steamer, 3,499, Schaarschmidt, 25th Dec.—Shanghai 21st Dec. General.—Siemssen & Co.

KOREA, Russian steamer, 3,944, W. Penaty, 25th Dec.—Singapore 17th Dec. General.—Melchers & Co.

KATSUYAMA MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,097, K. Hayashi, 25th Dec.—Chinkiang 21st Dec. Rice and Beans.—Tong Kee & Co.

HONGKONG MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,447, W. E. Filmer, 25th Dec.—San Francisco 25th Nov., via Honolulu 2nd Dec, Yokohama 15th, Kobe 16th, Nagasaki 18th, and Manila 24th, Mails and General.—J. S. Van Buren.

HANOI, French steamer, 739, P. Merlees, 25th Dec.—Haiphong 23rd Dec., and Hallow 25th, General.—A. R. Marty.

HONGKONG, French steamer, 509, M. Merlees, 26th Dec.—Haiphong 24th Dec. General.—A. R. Marty.

CLIVE, British steamer, 1,701, A. J. G. Piffard, 26th Dec.—Shanghai 22nd Dec. Troops.—Government.

LOONGMOON, German steamer, 1,245, F. Schulz, 26th Dec.—Shanghai 23rd Dec. General.—Siemssen & Co.

SADO MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,858, S. J. G. Parsons, 26th Dec.—Shanghai 23rd Dec. General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

PICCOLA, German steamer, 875, E. Möller, 26th Dec.—Chinkiang 21st Dec. General.—E. A. Trading Co.

HONGKONG, British steamer, 896, K. E. Tuebben, 26th Dec.—Shanghai 19th Dec., and Ningpo 22nd, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

TING SANG, British steamer, 1,046, R. V. Anderson, 27th Dec.—Canton 26th Dec. General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,079, Prot, 27th Dec.—Canton 26th Dec. General.—C. M. S. Co.

TOKIN, French steamer, 2,327, R. Schmitz, 27th Dec.—Yokohama and Shanghai 25th Dec. Mails and General.—Messageries Maritimes.

BJORN, Norwegian steamer, 722, A. N. Christensen, 27th Dec.—Moji 21st Dec. Coal.—Carlows & Co.

TSURUGISAN MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,563, J. N. Natsuki, 27th Dec.—Moji 21st Dec. Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

TAIYUAN, British steamer, 1,800, Wm. B. Brown, 27th Dec.—Australian Ports 2nd Dec. General.—Butterfield & Swire.

ROHILLA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,399, E. P. Bishop, 27th Dec.—Manila 24th Dec. General.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

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